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[DISPATCHES TO THE OREGONIAN

DATES TO MAY 6.

Washington News

CHICAGO, May 6.—A *Times'* special says General Logan called at the Executive mansion yesterday in company with a commercial agent from San Domingo, who wants to sell that island to the United States. They failed to obtain an audience.

Chauncey H. Snow publishes a card in reply to Dr. Bushnell, of the Union Pacific Railroad, denying wholly the latter's recent card that Snow ever offered to make a favorable report if the Company would contract with him for coal.

Dispatches from our Minister in China are of the same character as those from the British Minister. They represent that the Chinese are really opposed to progress, and will not permit the improvements contemplated by the Burlingame mission. This Government will insist on the fulfilment of the treaty negotiated.

A *Tribune* Washington special says the Commissioner of Internal Revenue has decided that printed headings of blanks for messages sent over the Western Union Telegraph line, are in the nature of an agreement or contract, and, therefore, liable to a stamp tax of five cents.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—The number of visitors at the White House to-day was larger than usual. Among them was Governor Ashley, who took leave of the President previous to his departure for Montana.

William Corry, of Galena, Illinois, who was confirmed as Assessor of Internal Revenue for Utah, declines the appointment.

Fifty-seven assessors of internal revenue were appointed yesterday. The majority for Pennsylvania district.

Robert C. Kirke was to day appointed Minister at Uruguay. Several internal revenue appointments were also made.

A special says the Spanish Minister informed the State Department that should the country recognize the belligerent rights of the Cubans, Spain will regard it as a declaration of war, and authorize the fitting out of privateers, which must do us harm.

The Treasury sold a million dollars of gold at 136(a)136¼.

S. Bushwell is sued in the United States Court by Jay Gould and Lane, of the Erie Railroad, for one hundred thousand dollars damages. Complainants say he conspired to injure their character.

The statement is confirmed that the *Prescott* sailed for Cuba and carried five hundred men, with a full cargo of arms and ammunition. The *Sun* says a revenue cutter left Brooklyn on Saturday to head off the expedition from Florida. It is also said a New England rifle manufacturer lately received a large order by the insurgents for breech-loading rifles, which he promptly filled. The arms are packed but the manufacturer refuses to deliver them till they are paid for.

In the game of billiards, last night, between Foster and Rudolph, a systematic course of interruptions was resorted to by a party of men in the hall, who, knowing Rudolph to be extremely nervous, persisted in attempts to destroy his equilibrium. Rudolph several times laid down his cue and abandoned the game, but was afterwards jeered and hooted until he resumed playing on the urgent demand of the crowd. Foster gave no countenance to the disorderly proceedings, but remained cool and collected throughout.

The schooner *Grapeshot*, reported as having sailed for Cuba with volunteers, still lies in this harbor. A large number of Spencer rifles for the Spanish were forwarded by the *Columbian* to day Consul Plumb sailed in the same vessel.

Earthquake Shock

CHICAGO, May 6.—The *Tribune's* New York special says a slight shock of an earthquake was felt on Tuesday night in the eastern part of Long Island.

Foreign Items.

A letter from Constantinople says Colorlly, an Englishman living in Turkey, was arrested in Syria, charged with importing arms and ammunition, under pretense of making a railroad survey, for getting up an insurrection in favor of the brother of the Viceroy of Egypt and to create and form a new Viceroyalty west of Palestine, along the Euphrates. The scheme had the approval of the English and French governments.

It is reported that thirty gunboats for the Spanish government are being fitted out at New York, Boston and Quebec, to be ready by the first of June.

A Spanish Colonel took 25,000 Spencer rifles to Havana last week, and the *Columbia* will take a large quantity of arms and ammunition.

The Railroad Imbroglio.

C. S. Bushnell, Director of the Union Pacific Railroad, was arrested last night on complaint of C. H. Snow, late Government Commissioner of that road, for libel, in charging that Snow wanted a contract to prevent his making an advance report. He lays his damage at $100,000.

Gov. Ashley leaves for Montana next week. He has been in New York for some days, furthering the interests of a colony of Danes and Norwegians, who propose settling there. Ashley will recommend the Legislature of Montana to take measures to encourage emigration.

Pacific Railroad Celebration.

CHICAGO, May 6.—Arrangements are being made by the Chicago citizens for the celebration when the last rail of the Pacific Railroad is laid. The demonstration will take place on Tuesday next. Business will be wholly suspended in the city for one hour. The bells will ring and cannon be fired, and all classes are expected to join in the celebration. The steamers, tugs and vessels in the harbor will make a display in the city front on Lake Michigan, while the procession passes. In the evening addresses will be made by Vice President Colfax, Governor Palmer, Mayor Rice and others. An illumination takes place in the evening.

Walcott & Co.'s planing mill in the north division was destroyed by fire yesterday. While the burning buildings were surrounded by thousands of people, a large boiler exploded with terrific force, hurling huge beams and portions of the boiler and machinery in all directions through the air. That portion of the city is not densely populated and no lives were lost. Several were injured. A fragment of the boiler blew perpendicularly up and fell back into the building. Several adjacent buildings were damaged.

Land Troubles in Kansas.

CHICAGO, May 6.—The troubles on the Cherokee neutral lands in Kansas have been brewing for a long time. Meetings have been held at which the most violent spirit was manifested. Senator Ross, at Fort Scott, recently attempted to address one of those meetings, but he was pelted with tobacco quids, sticks and stones, and finally fired on and driven away. The excitement culminated on Thursday when the engineers were met a few miles south of the grade by a band of armed men, who made the whole party prisoners, searched them, took possession of their outfit, and set the camp on fire, so that all note books and other valuable property were destroyed. All the engineers were driven to a fort northward over the prairie and warned never to return on pain of death. Col. Chapman, Chief Engineer, and Rankin, in charge of the party, were held some time as prisoners, but finally released with violent threats.

The work of construction on the already surveyed portions of the roads has not been disturbed since. One thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine men were at work on Tuesday, and others are rapidly arriving. It is thought they are strong enough to defend themselves, but it is not impossible that United States troops will be sent to keep the peace.

Miscellaneous.

PHILADELPHIA, May 6.—Manus' printing office and book bindery was destroyed by fire this morning. Loss, $30,000 other losses in the same building swell the total to $50,000.

NEW ORLEANS, May 6.—A committee of the Chamber of Commerce invite proposals for opening the mouth of the Mississippi. The committee will endeavor to obtain from the Government a dredger now in use, with the balance of the appropriation for deepening the passes.

BALTIMORE, May 6.—The steamer *Chickamauga*, formerly a blockade runner, and a very fast vessel, left yesterday. It is rumored that she carried munitions of war for Cubans.

MEMPHIS, May 6.—A committee from St Louis passed here to-day bound to New Orleans to take measures to promote a direct grain trade via New Orleans.

BY ATLANTIC CABLE

LONDON, May 6.—The specie in the bank of England has decreased £300,000 in the week. The bank has raised its rate of interest to 8½ per cent.

In the Vice Chancellor's Court to-day the case of the United States vs. Robert M. Hunt was up for decision. It was a bill to obtain from the defendant an account and delivery of money and goods received while acting as agent for the Confederate Government. The Vice Chancellor says there was no evidence to show that any money or goods belonging to the plaintiff in his own right as distinguished from his right as successor to the Confederate Government had reached the defendant. Judgment was given in favor of defendant with costs.

LONDON, May 6—Midnight.—The House of Commons resumed the consideration of the Irish Church bill. George Jenkinson, Conservative member for North Wiltshire, moved to strike out the clause providing compensation for Maynooth College, from the Church funds. After debate the clause was rejected by a vote of 192 to 118. The clause as originally introduced was then adopted.

A Carlist conspiracy is discovered in Barcelona. Thirty six arrests were made. Many army officers are implicated. Important papers have been seized.

The Lancaster stakes were won by Whinchard; the Chestershire stakes by President Lincoln.

Information to Immigrants.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
GENERAL LAND OFFICE, April 12, 1869.

L. Letthgf, Providence, R. I.—Sir: In reply to your inquiry of the 23d of March (in German) about the best locality to obtain lands for yourself and a number of families expected from Germany in the spring, I have to state that the question of locality is one depending so much on individual preference and the various objects that different persons have in view, that it is no easy matter to answer such an inquiry.

If the object is to obtain Government land under homestead or pre-emption laws, the choice may be made in any of the States or Territories from the Mississippi river to the Pacific Ocean, with the understanding that west of the settled portions of Kansas and Nebraska the Indians may be troublesome to a small community, while a settlement of several hundred persons located together, supplied with arms and ammunition, could protect itself securely against these nomadic occupants.

The example of the Mormons in the valley of Salt Lake shows what may be accomplished in the most unpromising of the mountain Territories by compact colonies capable of rendering mutual assistance, and possessing within themselves persons skilled in the various handicrafts that make up the industry of society.

From a colony of 150 individuals they have increased in twenty years to over 100,000, possessing over 100 flourishing towns and villages, more than 100 miles of irrigating canal, flourishing mills, saw mills, cotton and woolen mills, furnaces, forges foundries, and other manufacturing establishments large quantities of horses and cattle, the finest breeds of sheep and hogs, with orchards of choice apples, peaches and pears furnishing large quantities of dried fruits to the mining settlements around them.

The success of these settlements has hardly been surpassed in the most favored portions of the United States, but there are other sections of country in the mountain Territories, more favorable for planting colonies than the valley of Salt Lake was twenty years ago. Some parts of southern Idaho, or northeastern Oregon, and the southeastern part of Washington Territory, with the southern portions of New Mexico and Arizona, contain large bodies of unoccupied lands as fertile as any in Utah, with advantages in other respects superior to those in that Territory.

Portions of Nevada and California are in the same condition. The valleys of the Colorado, the Rio Virgin and its branches, in the southeastern part of Nevada, are represented as very superior, furnishing an amount of good land sufficient to accommodate a large settlement, and but partially occupied at the present time. The soil and climate of these valleys are well adapted to corn and cotton—considerable quantities of the latter having been raised during the last few years by settlers already there. Being at the head of navigation to the Colorado river, this point presents opportunities for settlements which are only beginning to be properly appreciated, and when the mineral resources of Nye County are developed to their full extent, as they are certain to be at no distant day, there will be few localities in the mineral domain surpassing it in advantages this portion of Nevada.

These lands are for the most part unsurveyed, but settlements may be made upon them at any time, and after they are surveyed by the Government the settlers may enter them under the Pre emption or Homestead law.

In Kansas, Nebraska, California, Western Oregon and the Western part of Washington Territory lands already surveyed may be entered under these laws, and in Dakota first class lands, either surveyed or unsurveyed, may be settled upon, and some of the valleys of Wyoming are represented as exceedingly fertile and affording great inducements for agricultural settlements.

In Kansas and Nebraska large bodies of good land can be obtained convenient to settlements already established, and the same is true, in a measure, of certain portions of Colorado.

For stock raising and wool growing the mountain valleys and slopes offer great inducements, and when the valleys are large and the supply of water for irrigation sufficient, their value for agricultural purposes is unsurpassed, being almost invariably of very high fertility, producing the cereals, fruits and vegetables in great abundance and being situated in a mountain region, covering an area of more than a million square miles, destined for generations to be the scene of active mining operations furnishing employment to a numerous population, the arable lands forming a comparatively small part of the aggregate surface, the markets for farm products must remain good and the prices received generally better than those paid to producers in localities where the arable lands constitute a larger proportion of the whole.

The climate of this elevated region has been found remarkably healthful, the atmosphere being dry and pure, and the water furnished by the mountain springs and streams cool and refreshing. Few epidemic diseases prevail.

All kinds of stock thrive well, but the dry atmosphere and sloping hill sides constitute this the finest portion of the United States for sheep husbandry and for raising the cashmere goat.

For the cultivation of the grape, no part of the world can surpass the belt of country extending from the Rio Grande to the Pacific Ocean, and covering the Territories of New Mexico and Arizona and the State of California to the Oregon boundary. For excellent farming and grazing lands in a mild climate, perhaps few sections of the country present a greater number of inducements than Southern Kansas, in the valleys of the Neosho and its branches, and some of the affluents of the Arkansas.

To determine upon a suitable locality for the settlement of a colony is an important point, and the better way would seem to be to send an agent over the western country charged with the duty of personally investigating the advantages of each particular section. Land offices exist at convenient points throughout the public domain, where information may be obtained as to the lands entered or sold, and those subject to entry or sale, the respective localities of which will be seen by the list at the end of the annexed circular.

Lands not belonging to the Government, but well adapted for colonies may be bought at very moderate prices and on general terms as to time, in the States of Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas in the midst of settled communities and convenient to flourishing markets. Government lands exist in moderate quantities, and may be entered under the homestead law, in the States of Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Arkansas, excellent for cotton, grain, fruits and vegetables and along the Gulf coast likewise, for sugar and orange.

I inclose a copy of my annual report for 1867, with connected map showing the reservations and Territories of the United States. A German edition of this report is in course of preparation, a copy of which will be sent you as soon as published.

This letter is sent to you at the request that you may the more readily communicate the information it contains to those of your German friends who contemplate emigrating.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
J. S. WILSON, Commissioner

Anecdote of Jonathan Edwards

The great theologian was extremely absent minded, carrying about with him everywhere the atmosphere of the study (reading on clouds and breathing rarified air—in the world, but not of it). A country parishioner at a loss for topics of conversation, once asked him how many cows he possessed. "Really, I do not know," he replied, "but Mrs. Edwards could tell you. She attends to all such matters." Now Mrs. Edwards was fully as pious as her husband, almost a religious devotee. She was oftener in her closet than in her dairy, yet she knew how many cows paid tribute to the house of Edwards, which fact would seem to prove that a woman may be eminently spiritual, and eminently practical at the same time.

The lofty abstraction of Mr. Edwards caused frequent domestic disarrangements, and sometimes played strange pranks with his cost me, especially with his wig; while his profound ignorance of ordinary worldly affairs gave rise to many indicrous incidents. One of the old family stories runs thus: Mr. Edwards having preached for a poor country parson, found, to his dismay, on Monday morning, that there was no man or boy about the premises to bring up his horse for him. On this confessing that he knew little about such things, his hostess, "on hospitable cares intent," went to the pasture, caught and bridled the staid clerical steed, and led it up to the gate. Then, as she was about to put on the saddle, the great minister came out, and gallantly protested against her performing any further groom service, saying he thought he could manage the rest for himself. So she went about her household affairs. The good man was a long time wrestling with the mysteries of that saddle, but, just as the lady was going again to his assistance, he came in to get his saddle-bags and take his leave. "Ah! Mr. Edwards, how have you succeeded?" she asked. "Very well, madam, I thank you," he replied, "but it was unusual employment for me, and I was a little awkward. I had some difficulty in properly adjusting the straps and buckles; and there is still a superfluous piece of leather, the office of which I cannot divine. But it hangs over the neck of the animal, and will not incommode me at all." The lady, somewhat curious, stepped to the gate, to find that Mr Edwards had put on the saddle a rebours—the pommel pointing tailward, having, perhaps, a vague idea that, as he was going back to Northampton, that was the way to do it. The "superfluous piece of leather" was the crupper.—*Grace Greenwood.*

EXERCISING ITS "CRUELTY."—The Federal Government is again exercising its "cruelty" and showing